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Title: TECHNIQUE FOR PROVIDING A PIVOT STRUCTURE THAT FACILITATES THE RAPID FORMATION OF PIVOT COUPLINGS BETWEEN COMPONENTS

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Respectfully submitted,

Thomas T. Hardt

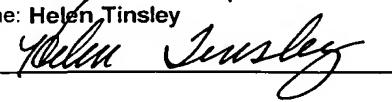
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Dear Sir:

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY  
AND RESPONSE TO FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON APRIL 22, 2004**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 22, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks.